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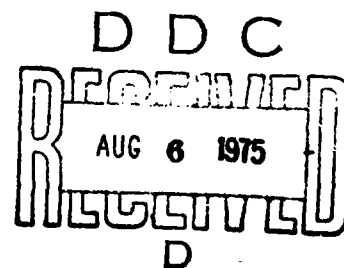
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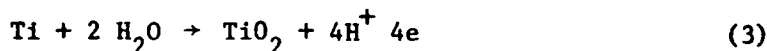
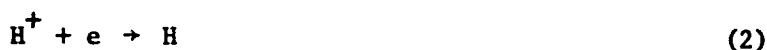
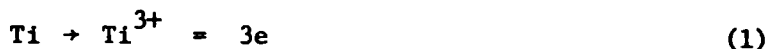
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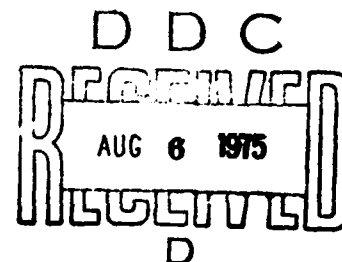
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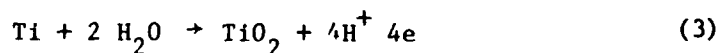


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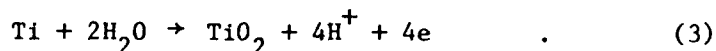
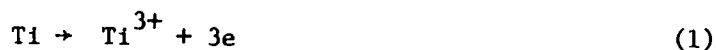
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Titanium is a metal high on the electromotive series, and it should be very active. It is well known though that titanium is one of the more corrosion resistant metals owing to a spontaneously-formed protective oxide skin. But it has an Achilles heel. Titanium structures have failed catastrophically by stress corrosion cracking, crevice corrosion and pitting corrosion. What are the conditions under which the protective skin breaks down, or scratches heal, and how fast, and what are the mechanisms? These are the questions to which this program was addressed.

Specifically the objective was to develop a better understanding of the electrochemistry at a crack tip. The crack tip is the scene of the action where the decision is made on a molecular level whether the environment will cause a crack to propagate or stop. New metal surfaces are generated at the crack tip. Electrochemical properties of these surfaces are very different from aged surfaces that have been in contact with air and moisture and have a protective oxide film. Although the electrochemistry of steady-state, oxide-covered titanium has been extensively studied there was no information on the kinetics of reactions on newly generated surfaces of titanium at the time the present research was begun.

The technique used to generate a new surface was to snap a small double-notched specimen in two by suddenly applying a large load. The specimens were fractured in electrolyte solutions at various constant applied potentials and the current-time transients measured. By conducting fast-fracture experiments under a variety of conditions and conducting supporting experiments the mechanisms have been worked out (Papers No. 2, 3, 5 and 8 in the Bibliography).

The main reactions on a new titanium surface are:



The proposed sequence of events, from the moment of formation of new surface and contact with the electrolyte, to steady-state passivity, is indicated in Fig. 1. It can be summarized as follows:

- Initial simultaneous anodic and cathodic current densities are large, driving the surface to a mixed potential little influenced by the applied potential. Cathodically generated hydrogen diffuses into the metal and solution. Anodically formed Ti^{3+} goes into solution.
- The titanium salt with the solution anion builds up to a critical supersaturation adjacent to the surface and precipitation is initiated. The flux of titanium salt back to the surface is determined by the Sand equation for unsteady-state diffusion. Growth of the resistive salt layer causes a type of passivation as described by W. J. Müller, in the 1920's and 30's, for more common metals.
- Water diffuses through the salt layer and nucleation of oxide patches begins on the metal surface as the corrosion rate is retarded by the salt layer. Two-dimensional nucleation and growth of the oxide patches occurs as described by Fleischmann and Thirsk kinetics. The growth rate at the edge of the patches is limited by diffusion of water through the salt layer.
- As the first layer of oxide is completed, the rate of formation of Ti^{3+} ion decreases further and the salt film dissolves. The oxide film thickens by high-field conduction. A steady state oxide film thickness is ultimately achieved at about 10^4 seconds from fracture.

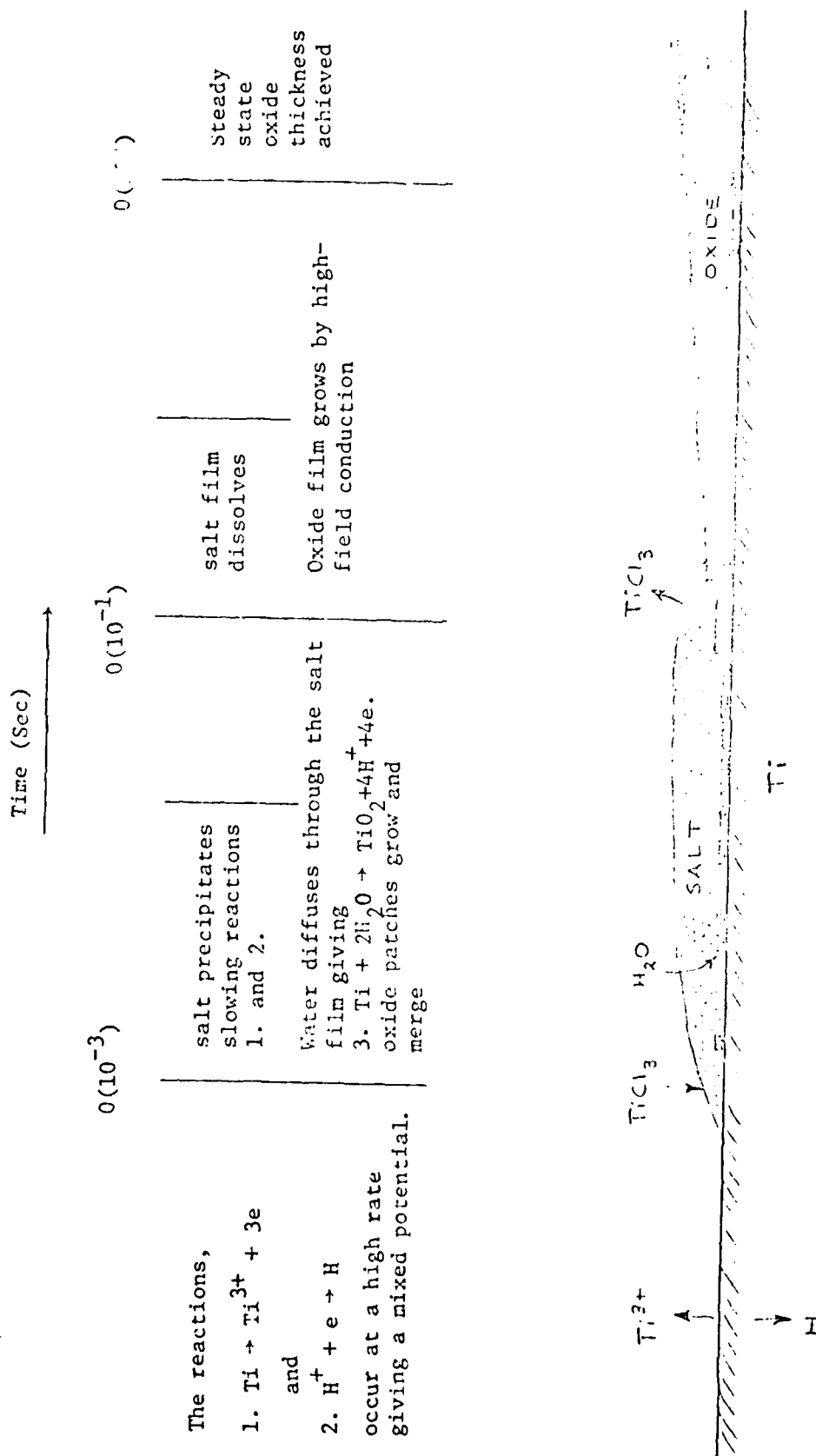


Fig. 1. Time sequence of events after exposure of new titanium surface to HCl electrolyte.

This sequence of events is so fast and the mixed-potential current densities so high that it is difficult to get direct experimental verification of the transient salt film on titanium. Three approaches were used to test the validity of the concept of a transient salt film:

1. Transient rapid-dissolution experiments were conducted with copper and silver at conditions in which salts can form but not oxides (Papers No. 4 and 7). Experiments reported by W. J. Müller were repeated with higher current densities and shorter times to salt-film passivation. Data were observed to fit the Sand equation for unsteady-state mass transport with a degree of supersaturation of the precipitating salt. Salt-film passivation times as short as milliseconds were observed for high dissolution current densities, directly analogous to experimental data for newly-generated titanium surfaces.

2. Experiments were conducted using artificial pits in titanium in which an oxide-salt film exists at steady state, at the base of the pit (Papers No. 1 and 6). Application of step potentials and measurement of current transients gave information on conductivity and thickness of the film.

3. Mathematical modelling of the transient mass transport conditions for rapidly dissolving titanium is being conducted as a joint effort with Prof. R. C. Alkire of the University of Illinois (Paper No. 8).

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FORMATION AND PROPERTIES OF SALT FILMS
DURING CORROSION OF METALS

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When metals anodically dissolve at a high rate or in restricted geometry the electrolyte adjacent to the surface may become saturated and metal salt films form. Practical conditions in which salt films can form are electrochemical machining, pitting and crevice corrosion, and stress corrosion cracking.

Applying a constant current to an initially film-free plane metal surface should give precipitation of a salt film when

$$i\tau^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} zF(C_s - C_b)(D \cdot \tau)^{1/2}, \quad (1)$$

where τ = time from application of constant current density, i , C_s is the saturation concentration, C_b is the bulk concentration, and D is the diffusivity of the metal salt. The equation assumes that the electrolyte is stagnant, there is an excess of supporting electrolyte, and there is no supersaturation, complexing, or common-ion effect. At the steady state,

$$i_L = \frac{zFD(C_s - C_b)}{\delta}, \quad (2)$$

where δ is the effective diffusion-layer thickness.

At steady state the salt film will reach a thickness determined by its conductivity, the potential applied and the mass-transport limiting current density. A step potential change, up or down, will therefore give a current transient associated with thickening or thinning of the film. Conductivity and thickness of the film can be calculated from such experiments.

Experiments were conducted with a number of metals including silver, copper, titanium and aluminum in nitric, sulfuric and hydrogen-halide acids. Starting with a film-free silver or copper surface a supersaturation by about a factor of ten appeared to occur before salt layer formation. Salt film conductivities determined from transient experiments at the limiting current density were several orders of magnitude greater than available published values for bulk or single-crystal salts. The data indicated high-field conduction at high current densities through the films. Calculated film thicknesses were on the order of tens of Angstroms as for barrier oxide layers.

Salt-layer conductivity can be related to the pre-exponential and exponential constants in the high-field conduction equation by taking the low field limit of the hyperbolic-sine form as in electrode kinetics. Thus the conductivity,

$$\sigma = 2 i_0 B, \quad (3)$$

where i_0 is the exchange current density and B is the exponential constant in the high-field conduction equation. Calculated conductivities from the transient experiments for several salts were on the order of $10^{-8} \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and values of σ would be expected to be similar to those for oxides or about $5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm/v}$ for an ion-hopping mechanism. Thus, values of i_0 are on the order of 10^{-3} A/cm^2 and both high-field and low-field conduction should be observable experimentally.

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Extended Abstract

High Current-Density Anodic Transients for Newly-
Generated Titanium Surfaces

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In previous work, initial current density to titanium surfaces newly generated by fast fracture under potentiostatic conditions was found to be limited by electrolyte ohmic drop. Little difference was observed in current density transients between hydrochloric and sulfuric acid electrolytes, whereas stress corrosion cracking of titanium is promoted by chloride and inhibited by sulfate. The presently reported set of experiments was aimed at determining if differences in the transients in different electrolytes could be observed with greater initial current densities obtained with smaller cross-section specimens and close Luggin-capillary to electrode spacing.

Initial anodic current densities of over 100 A/cm^2 were obtained by fracturing notched titanium wires in the new apparatus. The higher initial anodic current densities caused a more rapid decay of current density indicating that the initial passivation was due to an anodic process. The current density also decayed more rapidly in concentrated (12N) HCl and in $3\text{N H}_2\text{SO}_4$ than in 3 N HCl . This is interpreted as due to more rapid precipitation of salt films by lower solubility of the Ti^{3+} salt. The initial passivation is quantitatively consistent with precipitation of the salt in accordance with the Sand equation for unsteady-state diffusion.

The sequence of events now proposed for the newly-formed titanium surface may be summarized as follows:

1. Rapid anodic dissolution occurs, supersaturating the solution adjacent to the metal surface.
2. At a critical supersaturation a salt film precipitates from solution forming a relatively high resistance layer and decreasing the current density; at about 10^{-3} sec.
3. Water diffuses through the salt layer to form oxide on the surface providing a further passivation at about 10^{-1} sec.
4. With decreased anodic current density the salt film dissolves and the oxide layer thickens.
5. Finally, the surface reaches steady state passivity at about 10^4 sec.

Differences in stress corrosion cracking behavior are apparently attributable to differences in properties of titanium chloride and sulfate salt films.

SALT FILMS AND THEIR INFLUENCE
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The existence of salt films in certain corrosion processes has been mentioned in relatively few papers in the literature and is generally ignored in electrochemical and corrosion tests. Yet, salt films appear to play an important role in pitting and stress corrosion cracking. Formation of salt films on anodically-dissolving, shielded-metal, electrodes was demonstrated by W. J. Müller in the 1920's. Salt films on iron, copper and other metals were found to cause a partial passivation. The time to reach this state varied as about the $-1/2$ power of the current density prior to passivation. He also correctly showed that with convection there is a current density below which the salt passivation does not occur. It is possible to predict now, based on Fick's second law for unsteady mass transport and correlations for steady-state mass transport, when salt films should form. The $-1/2$ power observed by Müller is in accord with Sand's equation, a one-dimensional, integral form of Fick's second law.

Salt films may be expected to form in the restricted geometries of corrosion pits. Films are observed during pitting of titanium in bromide solutions. By electrical transient experiments the thickness and conductivity of the films can be estimated. Analysis of the data indicates that the film is a mixed bromide-oxide, increasing in the ratio of the salt at high applied potentials. In the region of the pitting potential the film appears to be largely oxide. Previously published photomicrographs of the metal morphology appear to be in accord with changes in the film composition. Modelling of the salt-film behavior will be discussed.

THE OCCURRENCE OF SALT FILMS DURING INITIAL
STAGES OF TITANIUM CORROSION

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Experiments have been conducted (1) in which new surfaces of titanium are produced in aqueous solutions under potentiostatic conditions. A very rapid decay of anodic current density results through passivation processes. A large fraction of the initial anodic current density can be attributed to the corrosion reaction producing Ti^{3+} ion. Thus, primary passivation by formation of a salt film has been proposed. Experimental verification is difficult because an oxide film quickly follows the suspected salt film.

A mathematical model of the diffusion-limited dissolution process has been developed in order to evaluate the sequence of events hypothesized above. In the paragraphs which follow, the salient features of the model will be described without recourse to excessive details of equations.

The diffusion of $TiCl_3$ in the electrolyte is assumed to obey Fick's law

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} \quad (1)$$

The equation is integrated with side conditions which correspond to the foregoing hypothesis of salt film formation during early stages of oxidation. Immediately following exposure of fresh metal surface to the electrolyte, anodic dissolution occurs under constant current conditions,

$$c(y,0) = 0 ; c(\infty,t) = 0 ; \frac{\partial c}{\partial y}(0,t) = -\frac{i_a}{nFD} . \quad (2)$$

The solution of eqs. (1) and (2), given in ref. (2), will be denoted for convenience as $C_1(y,t)$ since it represents the timewise concentration distribution during Stage I.

Eventually the concentration near the dissolving surface exceeds saturation by an amount sufficient to initiate precipitation of a salt film onto the anodic surface. After salt film formation, the concentration at the film-electrolyte interface remains constant at the saturation concentration. The side conditions for Stage II, which begins at $t = t^*$, are therefore

$$c(y, t^*) = C_I(y, t^*) ; c(\infty, t) = 0 ; c(0, t) = C_{sat} \quad (3)$$

The solutions of eqs. (1) and (3), as $C_{II}(y, t)$, represents the concentration distribution during Stage II.

The rate of salt formation by anodic dissolution, $R_1(t)$ is found from Faraday's Law; the rate of salt transfer between film and electrolyte is proportional to $\partial C_{II}(0, t)/\partial y$ and, for convenience, will be denoted $R_2(t)$. The film thickness, d , is therefore,

$$d(t) \sim \int_{t^*}^t (R_1 + R_2) dt \quad (4)$$

It was found that $d(t)$ passes through a maximum. During the early part of Stage II, the supersaturated solution causes precipitation and film growth; during latter stages, the flux $R_2(t)$ reverses sign and film dissolution occurs. Eventually, dissolution is complete and the salt film disappears.

The foregoing model permits detailed estimates of the timewise sequence of events during precipitation, growth and redissolution of the proposed salt film. In particular the model can predict the moment of precipitation, the maximum film thickness and the moment of complete dissolution. Calculations require specification of several parameters which have been measured or estimated from auxiliary considerations. Chief among these are the value of the dissolution rate during Stage I, the degree of supersaturation prior to precipitation and the timewise variation of current during the initial portion of Stage II. Calculated results based on reasonable estimates of these parameters are compared with the interpretation of experimental results reported above.

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